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**From:** Daniel.McLoughlin@WolfGreenfield.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 08, 2003 4:58 PM  
**To:** Mei, Xu  
**Subject:** RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/483,653: Proposed Amendments

Examiner Mei,

Thanks for responding. We look forward to hearing from you at the end of the week.

Best regards,

**Dan**

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**From:** Xu.Mei@USPTO.GOV [mailto:Xu.Mei@USPTO.GOV]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 08, 2003 4:33 PM  
**To:** McLoughlin, Daniel P.  
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mr. mcloughlin:

as a matter of fact, i was just talked to my boss about this case before i got your voice mail...

he suggested a few new areas i need to go to do a search...and i should have the case done by the end of this week...

thanks...

xu mei

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**From:** Daniel.McLoughlin@WolfGreenfield.com [mailto:Daniel.McLoughlin@WolfGreenfield.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2003 9:27 AM  
**To:** Mei, Xu  
**Subject:** RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/483,653: Proposed Amendments

Examiner Mei,

Thank you for the email communications below. I appreciate that the situation is somewhat out of your control, but please let me know if there is anything I can do to expedite the process. Would it help if I called someone at the clerical place? If so, please provide the telephone number and I will be happy to call them.

Yours truly,

Daniel P. McLoughlin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Xu.Mei@USPTO.GOV [mailto:Xu.Mei@USPTO.GOV]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 02, 2003 4:27 PM  
**To:** McLoughlin, Daniel P.  
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mr. mcloughlin:

the case is currently at the clerical place for entering the paper(s) u faxed in...i will have to wait for it until he/she finish...thanks...

xu mei

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Daniel.McLoughlin@WolfGreenfield.com  
[mailto:Daniel.McLoughlin@WolfGreenfield.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 24, 2003 2:29 PM  
**To:** Mei, Xu  
**Subject:** RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/483,653: Proposed Amendments

I understand. I just wanted to ensure that we did not make a mistake.

Regards,

Dan

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**From:** Mei, Xu [mailto:Xu.Mei@USPTO.GOV]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 24, 2003 2:27 PM  
**To:** McLoughlin, Daniel P.  
**Subject:** RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/483,653: Proposed Amendments

that's the correct fax #...it's just something out of my control and i just want to inform you first...

thanks...

xu mei

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Daniel.McLoughlin@WolfGreenfield.com

[mailto:Daniel.McLoughlin@WolfGreenfield.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 24, 2003 2:24 PM  
**To:** Xu.Mei@USPTO.GOV  
**Cc:** Robyn.Lecesse@WolfGreenfield.com  
**Subject:** RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/483,653: Proposed Amendments

Examiner Mei,

We faxed the Comments to the following fax number: (703) 872-9314. If the Comments should be sent to different fax number, please let us know.

- Dan

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**From:** Mei, Xu [mailto:Xu.Mei@USPTO.GOV]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 24, 2003 2:03 PM  
**To:** McLoughlin, Daniel P.  
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mr. mcloughlin:

i got your emails...and will ask the clerk to enter those emails as you indicated...but not the fax yet...i have to wait for the clerk to enter that first if u fax in an official paper...than goes from there...

we have a central fax system and i don't have access to it...

thanks...

xu mei

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Daniel.McLoughlin@WolfGreenfield.com  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2003 7:13 PM  
**To:** Daniel.McLoughlin@WolfGreenfield.com; Mei, Xu  
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**Subject:** RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/483,653: Proposed Amendments

September 17, 2003  
Examiner Xu Mei  
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United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Re: PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENTS**  
**for:**  
**U.S. Patent Application Serial No.:**  
**09/483,653**

**Confirmation No.: 8646**  
**Titled: "Methods And Apparatus For**  
**Producing Animal Sounds To Lure Animals"**

**Filed: January 14, 2000**  
**Attorney Docket No.: G0671.70000US00**  
**(formerly G00671.70000)**

Dear Examiner Mei:

MPEP 713.01 specifies that, for an Internet email used to conduct an exchange or communication similar to those exchanged during telephone or personal interviews, a paper copy of contents of the Internet email MUST be placed in the patent application to which it pertains, as required by the Federal Records Act, in the same manner as an Examiner Interview Summary Form is entered.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that you place in the patent application file for this application paper copies of: 1) the email sent by the Applicant to you on 7/15/03, the email sent to you earlier today (9/17/03) by Applicant, and 3) this current email.

Further, Applicant respectfully proposes amending claim 87 as shown below. Similar to the proposed amendments for claims 26, 36, 47 and 70, please call Applicants' representatives to indicate whether the amendment to claim 87 is acceptable. If acceptable, we authorize you to enter the proposed amendment by an Examiner's Amendment so that claim 87 will be allowed. We will then send you clean (i.e., non-marked-up) copy of claim 87 as amended (along with the clean copies of the other claims) to facilitate the Examiner's Amendment.

87. An apparatus for luring an animal to an area in an environment, the method comprising:

a recording medium on which is stored a first signal representing a first pre-recorded sound that simulates at least a first animal sound made by a species of animal in the environment and a second signal representing a second pre-

recorded sound that simulates at least a second animal sound, distinct from the first animal sound, made by a species of animal in the environment;

a user interface including a first button to select the first pre-recorded sound and a second button to select the second pre-recorded sound;

means for contemporaneously playing back the first and second pre-recorded sounds in response to the first button and the second button being pressed to produce a combination of sounds for luring the animal; and

a hand-held unit to house the recording medium, the user interface and the means for playing back during operation of the apparatus.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

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Proposed Amendments

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Filed: January 14, 2000  
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G0671.70000US00 (formerly  
G00671.70000)**

Dear Examiner Mei:

Applicants' representatives appreciate your courtesy in granting and conducting a telephone interview on September 17, 2003 between you and Applicants' representative, Daniel P. McLoughlin, which is fully summarized below.

During the telephone interview, you indicated that the application would be in condition for allowance if some minor amendments were made to the claims. Specifically, you indicated that claims 26, 36, 47 and 70 would be allowable if amended to recite that the first and second sounds are different or distinct sounds, and if claim 26 was further amended to include an additional act of storing the first and second sounds. In response, Applicants indicated that amending claims 26, 36, 47 and 70 to recite distinct sounds was acceptable, but suggested, as an alternative to adding an act of storing to claim 26, adding an act of operating a device including a recording medium having the first and second sounds stored

thereon. You agreed that such amendment would be acceptable.

Accordingly, Applicants propose amending claims 26, 36, 47 and 70 as shown below. As you suggested, please call Applicants' representatives to indicate whether the amendments to the claims are acceptable. If acceptable, we authorize you to enter the proposed amendments by an Examiner's Amendment so that claims 26, 36, 47, 70 and 78 and their dependent claims will be allowed, and to cancel the remaining claims without prejudice or disclaimer to filing a continuation application. We will then send you clean (i.e., non-marked-up) copies of the independent claims as amended (and dependent claims amended for clarification as necessary) to facilitate the Examiner's Amendment.

For your convenience, the proposed amendments to the claims below also include the proposed amendments from July 15, 2003, which will also be entered by Examiner's amendment should the amendments below be deemed acceptable.

26. A method of luring an animal to an area in an environment, the method comprising an act acts of:

(A) operating a device that includes a recording medium having first and second separately pre-recorded sounds stored thereon, wherein the first pre-recorded sound simulates a first sound made by a species of animal in the environment and the second pre-recorded sound simulates a second sound, distinct from the first sound, made by a species of animal in the environment; and

(B)-(A)

contemporaneously playing back the first and second pre-recorded sounds that were recorded separately and that respectively simulate first and second sounds made by a species of animal in the environment,

wherein the contemporaneous playing back of the first and second prerecorded sounds produces a combination of sounds for luring the animal.

36. An apparatus for luring an animal to an area in an environment, the apparatus comprising:

a recording medium storing first and second pre-recorded sounds that simulate first and second distinct sounds each made by a species of animal in the environment; and

a controller to play back the first and second pre-recorded sounds contemporaneously to produce a combination of sounds for luring the animal.

47. An apparatus for luring an animal to an area in an environment, the apparatus comprising:

means for storing first and second pre-recorded sounds that simulate first and second distinct sounds each made by a species of animal in the environment; and

means for playing back the first and second pre-recorded sounds contemporaneously to produce a combination of sounds for luring the animal.

70. An apparatus for luring an animal to an area in an environment, the apparatus comprising:

a recording medium on which is stored a first signal representing a first pre-recorded sound that simulates at least a first animal sound made by a species of animal in the environment and a second signal representing a second pre-recorded sound that simulates at least a second animal sound, distinct from the first animal sound, made by a species of animal in the environment;

a user interface including a first button to select the first signal and a second button to select the second signal;

a controller to play back contemporaneously the first and second pre-recorded sounds, in response to the first button and second button being pressed, to produce a combination of sounds for luring the animal; and

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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